# Resources for Information and Updates on COVID-19

The following websites are great resources for updated information on COVID-19:

* [mass.gov/2019coronavirus](https://www.mass.gov/resource/information-on-the-outbreak-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19)
* [mass.gov/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-and-masshealth](https://www.mass.gov/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-and-masshealth)
* [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)
* [World Health Organization](https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

**Massachusetts Updates**

* In coordination with agencies across the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, MassHealth/EOHHS have released provider bulletins and additional guidance in response to 2019 novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).
* These policies expand telehealth coverage, including telephonic coverage, expand coverage through Hospital-Determined Presumptive Eligibility (HPE), provide information for providers to bill for COVID-19 lab testing, cover 90-day refills of prescriptions and early refills, and remind providers that there are no copays for lab tests and pharmacists cannot deny medications if a member cannot pay.
* The bulletins and guidance are based on what is currently known about the transmission and severity of COVID-19 and will be updated as needed and as additional information is available. The following bulletins and guidance have been posted:
	+ [All Provider Bulletin 289: MassHealth Coverage and Reimbursement Policy for Services Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-289-masshealth-coverage-and-reimbursement-policy-for-services-related-to/download)
	+ [Managed Care Entity Bulletin 21: Coverage and Reimbursement for Services](https://www.mass.gov/doc/managed-care-entity-bulletin-21-coverage-and-reimbursement-for-services-related-to-0/download) [Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)](https://www.mass.gov/doc/managed-care-entity-bulletin-21-coverage-and-reimbursement-for-services-related-to-0/download)
	+ [All Provider Bulletin 288: Coverage Provided via Hospital-Determined Presumptive Eligibility](https://www.mass.gov/doc/all-provider-bulletin-288-coverage-provided-via-hospital-determined-presumptive-eligibility/download)
	+ [Pharmacy Facts 141: Updates Related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Effective March 14, 2020](https://www.mass.gov/doc/pharmacy-facts-141-march-12-2020-0/download)
	+ [Community Day Program Settings (e.g. Adult Day Health, Day Habilitation, Councils on Aging, etc.) 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-recommendations#for-community-day-programs-)
	+ [Non-Agency Based In-Home Caregivers (e.g. PCAs, Independent Nurses, etc.) 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-directives#for-in-home-caregivers-)
	+ [Agency-Based In-Home Caregivers & Workers (e.g. Home Health Agencies, Personal Care Management Agencies, Home Care Agencies, Adult Foster Care, etc.) 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-guidance-and-recommendations#for-in-home-caregivers-)

**Health Insurance carrier updates**

* Please be advised that all Massachusetts health insurance carriers have begun addressing coverage for Coronavirus and responding to the state mandate for coverage for FULLY INSURED plans.
* Some are posting notices on their website or posting to the employer protocol – some are also releasing email blasts. Employees can also get information on the carrier websites as well.
* Please see the information regarding removing cost-sharing for certain related services – at this time this does NOT apply to any qualified high deductible health plans (HSA eligible plans) or Self-Insured plans.
* [Allways](https://www.allwayshealthpartners.org/meet-us/Newsroom/Coronavirus-Notice)
* [Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA (BCBSMA)](http://newsroom.bluecrossma.com/2020-03-06-Blue-Cross-Blue-Shield-of-Massachusetts-Expedites-Access-to-Testing-and-Care-Related-to-the-Novel-Coronavirus-COVID-19?sfns=mo)
* [Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI (BCBSRI)](https://www.bcbsri.com/employers/coronavirus)
* [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care (HPHC)](http://www.harvardpilgrim.org/) *(\*scroll down to bottom of page on left with Coronavirus information including a FAQ for members to reference)*
* [Tufts Health Plan](https://tuftshealthplan.com/)
* [United Health Care](https://www.uhc.com/health-and-wellness/health-topics/covid-19)

**Resources for Families from HMEA’s Autism Resource Central**

[INFORMATION ABOUT CORONA VIRUS FOR ADULTS & PARENTS](https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/information-on-covid-19-for-adults/)

[SOCIAL STORIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD](https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/social-stories-for-young-and-old-on-covid-19/)

[INFORMATION ON INTERNET ACCESS AND SAFETY FOR KIDS](https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/information-on-internet-access-and-safety-for-kids/)

[ONLINE ACTIVITIES FOR ADULTS](https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/online-activities-for-adults/)

[SCHEDULES FOR DAILY STRUCTURE](https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/schedules-for-daily-structure/)

[EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES](https://www.autismresourcecentral.org/educational-resources/)